REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of April 25th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On April 28, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with deputy U.S. marshals from the Southern District of West Virginia, the Huntington Police Department in West Virginia, and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) arrested fugitives Andre Bonner, Jarel Scott, and Jimmy Lee Scott, III, at a gas station in Huntington, West Virginia. All three individuals were wanted by the Macon Police Department in Georgia for a shooting which occurred on April 18, 2005. On that evening, following an argument in a Macon nightclub with two individuals, Jarel Scott, who was with Bonner and Jimmy Scott, pulled a 9mm handgun from his pocket and began shooting. The two individuals that had been confronted were both shot numerous times, one of them critically wounded. After the nightclub incident, all three were charged with two counts each of aggravated assault with a firearm.

Information gathered in the case led SERFTF and TOG investigators to Huntington, West Virginia where a possible residence was identified for the three suspects. During surveillance of the residence, a car was observed pulling into the driveway and several males fitting the description of the fugitives were seen entering the vehicle. The car was followed to a nearby gas station where investigators were able to make a positive identification of one of the passengers as Jimmy Lee Scott, III. The car was then surrounded and all three subjects were taken into custody without incident. Bonner has a criminal history containing eighteen prior arrests, mostly for narcotics offenses and obstruction of officers. Jarel Scott, at the time of the shooting, was being sought by the SERFTF's Macon office for an aggravated battery which occurred in October of 2004 in which he beat another man in the face with a brick.



Jarel Scott



Jimmy Lee Scott, III



Andre Bonner

Wanted for Aggravated Assault

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

John Dandridge and Crystal Rivera-Jones were identified as suspects in a robbery homicide that occurred on April 15, 2004 in which individuals were abducted from a motel in East Baltimore, Maryland, robbed and shot. Dandridge and Rivera-Jones were subsequently identified as the suspects. A request was made of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for assistance to locate and apprehend the suspects. On April 26, 2005, after significant investigative efforts and surveillances, CARFTF members observed Rivera-Jones walking down a street in East Baltimore and took her into custody without incident. CARFTF members developed further information as to the whereabouts of Dandridge in downtown Baltimore and a few hours later, on April 26, 2005, Baltimore City Police made entry at the address and took Dandridge into custody without incident. At the time of his arrest, Dandridge was in possession of a loaded .38 caliber handgun.



John Dandridge



Crystal Rivera-Jones

Wanted for Homicide and Armed Robbery

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Damian Brown, wanted for a gang-related homicide, was arrested on April 28, 2005 by the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group. The arrest of Brown was the last of four "Mad Unit" gang members wanted for the April 16, 2005 shooting of a rival gang member. On that date, the victim and the four "Mad Unit" gang members got into an argument at a nightclub in New Rochelle, New York. After the victim left the nightclub and entered his vehicle, a car case ensued, during which the four "Mad Unit' gang members opened fire on the victim, hitting him numerous times with two .40 caliber semi-automatic pistols, a Kel-Tec .9mm semiautomatic pistol, and an AR15 assault rifle. The altercation ended in the Bronx, New York, after which, the victim was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital. Three of the "Mad Unit" gang members were arrested on April 17, 2005. Seized at the time of their arrest, was the 2004 Nissan Maxima and all the firearms, with the exception of the assault rifle, used in the shooting. Damian Brown, the fourth gang member was arrested on April 28, 2005 in Newark, New Jersey. He, as well as the three other gang members, are facing charges for homicide, firearms possession, and illegal immigration into the United States.

"Mad Unit" street gang member



Damian Brown

Wanted for Homicide, Firearms Possession, and Illegal Immigration into the United States

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 2, 2005, Leonel Chavez-Valencia was arrested by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) in Chicago. Chavez-Valencia was wanted since November 13, 2002 for possession with the intent to distribute cocaine after orchestrating the delivery of 70 kilograms of cocaine from Michoacan, Mexico to Chicago. DEA-Chicago recovered 20 kilograms of cocaine during the original narcotics investigation and another 50 kilograms of cocaine was seized from the target's apartment. Chavez-Valencia, known as "El Paisa" or the "Country boy" was believed to be using Mexican Cartel connections to broker ton-quantity shipments of cocaine from Columbia and Guatemala to Chicago and Texas. Investigators suspect Chavez-Valencia also to be connected with methamphetamine labs in Georgia. GLRFTF investigators tracked Chavez-Valencia to a home on the south side of Chicago and established surveillance. Chavez-Valencia was placed under arrest without incident after being observed exiting the targeted residence.



Leonel Chavez-Valencia

Wanted for Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Maria Quijano, Wilson Sanchez and Rene Alvarado were arrested in Los Angeles, California on April 28, 2005 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), the USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG), and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) detectives. On April 10, 2005, Reynaldo Quijano was shot to death in the driveway of his residence in the Sun Valley area of Los Angeles. On April 21, 2005, LAPD detectives requested assistance from the PSWRFTF in identifying, locating, and apprehending the suspect(s) in the case. With the assistance of TOG, PSWRFTF and LAPD investigators identified an individual suspected of being involved in the Quijano murder and developed the probable cause necessary to obtain search warrants for five (5) residences in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. On April 28, 2005, PSWRFTF and LAPD investigators executed the search warrants simultaneously and detained five individuals. Subsequent investigation indicated that the victim's wife, Maria Quijano, had hired Sanchez and Alvarado to murder her husband. All three were booked for murder.



Wilson Sanchez



Rene Alvarado



Maria Quijano

Wanted for Murder